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Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit				
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Status						
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 C	October 2005.					
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3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is						
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) <u>1-10,12-23,25 and 27-49</u> is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-10,12-23,25 and 27-49</u> is/are reject	6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-10,12-23,25 and 27-49</u> is/are rejected.					
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.	·					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.						
Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine	er.					
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.						
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da					
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date 		atent Application (PTO-152)				

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims <u>1-10, 12-23, 25 & 27-49 are</u> rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawai, (U.S. Pat # 6,137,48., in view of Comstock, (U.S. Pat # 5,692,073).

Considering claims 1, 15, 20, 25, 27, 36 & 45, the claimed system for managing video teleconferencing device configured to exchange audio/video data, comprising a management adapter accessible to a user interface, having a list that identifies teleconferencing devices, is met by the discussion in Kawaia, Fig. 3; col. 4, lines 38-50.

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As for the claimed device layer interfaced to the management adapter, which represents the devices as object, Kawai shows the devise as text in a list, not as an object. However, Comstock teaches representing the devices as objects, see Fig. 1; col. 3, lines 20-55. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kawai with the teachings of Comstock, for the desirable advantage of a more user friendly interface.

Considering claims 2, the claimed device access layer representing the video network devices as management beans reads on the discussion in Comstock, col. 5, lines 1-20.

Considering claims 3-10, 12-14, 16-19, 21-23, 25, 28-35, 37-44 & 46-49, the combination of Kawai, & Comstock, which are directed to the management of a plurality of devices in a vide teleconferencing system meets also claimed subject matter.

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Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Grant can be reached on (571) 272-7294. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and After Final communications.

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